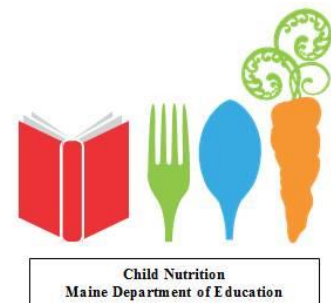


# Meal Counting and Claiming

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Child Nutrition Programs  
August 18, 2021

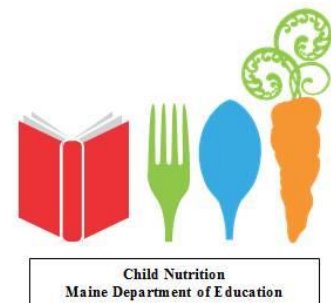
# SY 2022

- If participating in Seamless Summer Option for SY 2022
  - All student reimbursable meals served claimed as free
  - Do NOT charge for meals to students
  - Do charge for a la carte milk.



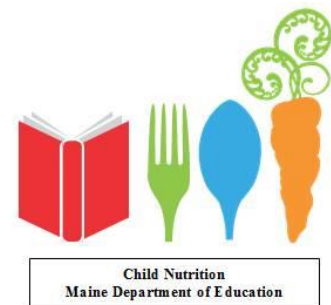
# Accountability

- Checklist
  - Tick Sheet
  - Counting device
  - Electronic POS
  - Tickets
- Only one meal type per student per day



# Meals not in the Cafeteria

- Meals in the classroom
- Meals delivered in the hall
- Grab and go
- Meals going home
- Meals taken to families



# Meals not in the Cafeteria

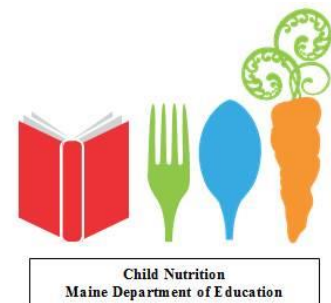
All staff serving and conducting accountability of meals must be trained on the process:

What is a meal

What is accountability

Twenty meals sent, so twenty meals served?

Document the training

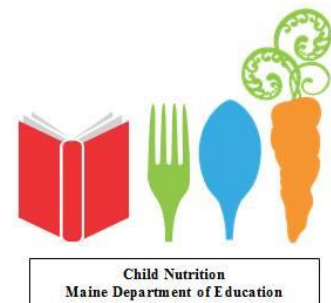


# Reimbursable Meal Signage



# Point of Service

- Does a student have the required components for a reimbursable meal.
- Lunch 3 components
- Breakfast 3 items
- Any required components/items



# Sharing Status Information

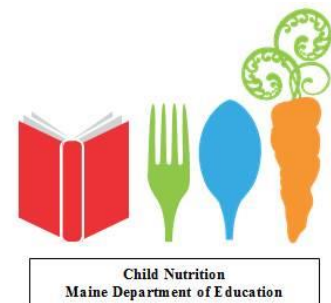
- Confidential, Confidential, Confidential
- Allowed exceptions
  - Eligibility Manual for School Meals
- Allowed exceptions will parental permission
  - List each request
  - Parent approves all or some or none.





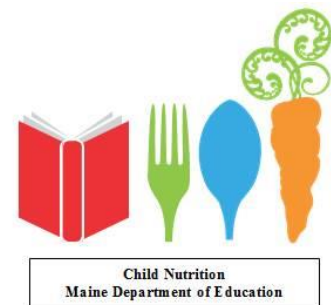
# Confidentiality

- Students do not have an eligibility status for SY 2022
  - Direct Certification List
  - Applications collected
- Student eligibility status is not shared unless an allowable exception
- Or permission from parent/guardian
  - Sample form on Child Nutrition web page



# Sharing Student Eligibility

- Can share aggregate data
- Number of students eligible for a meal benefit
  - 54% free
  - 13% reduced
  - 33% paid



# Overt Identification

- Can someone watching at the Point of Service (POS) determine the eligibility of the student?
  - List of names with F/R/P
  - See the screen with \$ information
  - Ask the student their eligibility



# On Site Reviews

- Normally Districts are required to an On-Site Review of each school prior to February of each year.
  - Form on the Child Nutrition web page
- Waiver 94 waives this requirement until 30 day after the Public Health emergency is declared over.

